

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1019

April 12, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits motor vehicle passengers who are ten years old or younger or who weigh less than 75 pounds from riding in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with a passenger-side air bag restraint system. Specifies that violation is a Class C misdemeanor. Provides that in addition to or in lieu of the misdemeanor penalty a person found guilty of a first offense may be required to attend court-approved offenders' class on the hazards of not properly transporting children. Specifies that a fee may be charged for such class. Authorizes incorporated municipalities to adopt provisions of the act by ordinance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant/ Permissive
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- the impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to the state from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. The state would receive fine proceeds in accordance with T.C.A. 55-10-303.
- to the extent local governments choose to adopt provisions of the bill by ordinance they will experience an increase in revenues from fines levied and collected on offenders. This increase is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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